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A

PROPOSAL,

By *John Rocque*, Surveyor, and *John Pine*, Engraver,

For Engraving and Printing, by SUBSCRIPTION,

A New, Accurate, and Comprehenſive PLAN of the

CITIES of London and Weſtminſter,

AND

BOROUGH of Southwark,

WITH

The contiguous Buildings, from an actual Survey thereof: Which Survey was begun in *March* 1737, and is now compleated. The Engraving will be put in Hand, and finiſhed with all poſſible Expedition.

This Plan will be contained in 24 Sheets of the beſt Imperial Paper, being near 13 Feet in Length, and 6 Feet and an Half in Depth, and will extend from Weſt to Eaſt, on the North Side, from beyond *Mary-bone* Turnpike, by *Tottenham-Court*, the *New-River-Head*, *Hoxton* and Part of *Hackney* to near *Bow:* From thence, Southerly, by the Eaſtermoſt Parts of *Mile-End* and *Lime-Houſe*, croſs the River *Thames* to *Deptford* Road; from whence the Southern Side will extend Weſterly, by *Newington* and *Vaux-Hall*, to that Part of *Surrey* which is oppoſite to *Chelſea-College*; which Building, together with ſome Part of *Knights-Bridge* and *Hyde-Park*, will be included in the Weſtern Limit, which cloſes with the Northern beyond *Mary-bone*.

The Space comprized within this Compaſs, will contain above ten thouſand Acres of Ground: And, as it will be laid down by a Scale of 200 Feet to an Inch, the Plan will admit not only of an exact Deſcription of all the Squares, Streets, Courts, and Alleys, in their true Proportions, but likewiſe of the Ground Plots of the ſeveral Churches, Halls, publick Buildings, and conſiderable Houſes and Gardens; and will likewiſe comprehend a Survey of ſo much of the Country, with the ſeveral Roads and Foot-paths croſſing it, and remarkable Objects contained in it, as lies within the above-mentioned Bounds: Which, it is preſum'd, will fill up the vacant Space more uſefully, as well as more agreeably, than by crouding the Plan with unmeaning Ornaments.

The Method follow'd in making this Survey has been, by aſcertaining the Poſition and Bearings of the Churches and other remarkable Buildings, by Trigonometrical and other Obſervations from the Tops of Steeples, Towers, and other Places, whence ſuch Buildings are viſible; by taking the Angles at the Corners of Streets, *&c.* with proper Inſtruments, and meaſuring the Diſtances by the Chain: And by comparing, from Time to Time, the Poſition of Places, found by this laſt Method, with the general Obſervations before-mentioned, ſo as to correct the one by the other.

The Price will be Three Guineas: One to be paid down at the Time of Subſcribing, and Two more on the Delivery of the Work.

Note, Tho' the Plan is of ſo large a Size, by rolling it up on a Roller, to the Corniſh of the Wainſcot, it will not interfere with any other Furniture; and yet, by the Means of a Pully, it may be let down for Examination at Pleaſure.

And a ſmall Plan will be given to ſuch who bind up the Sheets in a Volume, for the Sake of preſenting a View of the Whole at once.

Subſcriptions are taken in by JOHN PINE, Engraver, in *Old Bond-ſtreet* near *Piccadilly*; and by JOHN ROCQUE, Surveyor, at the *Caniſter* and *Sugar Loaf* againſt *Queen's-Head-Court* in *Great Windmill-ſtreet* near the *Hay-Market*.

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HOW far the Publick is intereſted in the Publication of an exact Plan of the Metropolis of this Kingdom, muſt be left to the Publick to determine.

That no ſuch Plan is at preſent extant is without all Doubt, from the late great Addition of Buildings, how exact ſoever any former Plan might be: And it is no leſs certain, that great Complaints have been made of this Defect.

This ſudden vaſt Increaſe of Houſes, which, like a very plentiful Crop impoveriſhing the Land, will probably fix the Bounds of this Capital for many Years to come, ſeems to point out the preſent, as a proper Time to take a Survey of it.

It has been long diſputed, whether *London* or *Paris* is the larger; a Diſpute which, tho' of no other Conſequence, may be of ſome Curioſity to determine, and which, by exact Plans of each, muſt be determined and made clear to the Underſtanding of every one.

Several large, beautiful, and, it is ſuppoſed, exact Plans of *Paris* have been publiſhed.

The Undertakers of the propoſed Plan have uſed their utmoſt Endeavours to make it exact, from an actual Survey; wherein they have received ſuch Aſſiſtance and Encouragement, as have given at once a great Advantage and Honour to the Work; for which the Undertakers very gladly embrace this Opportunity of publickly expreſſing their Gratitude.

Perry, MAYOR.

Tueſday *the* 16*th Day of* October, 1739, *and in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King* GEORGE *the Second of* Great Britain, *&c.*

THIS Court being Informed, that Mr. *John Rocque*, and Mr. *John Pine*, are engaged in an Undertaking to Survey in a moſt Exact and Accurate Manner, and to engrave a Plan of the Cities of *LONDON* and *WESTMINSTER*, to be in the ſame Manner, and of the ſame Size with a Drawing this Day produced to the Court by the ſaid Mr. *Pine*, which, when well executed, this Court are of Opinion will be of Publick Uſe and Benefit; and being willing as much as lieth in them, to give all due Encouragement to ſo laudable an Undertaking; do hereby recommend it to the ſeveral Deputies, Common-Council-Men and other Citizens, and Inhabitants of this City, to be Aſſiſting to the ſaid Meſſ. *Rocque* and *Pine*, in the Proſecution of ſo uſeful a Deſign; and the ſaid Deputies and Common-Council-Men of the ſeveral Wards of this City, are deſired to give Directions to their reſpective Beadles, to inform the ſaid Meſſ. *Rocque* and *Pine*, from Time to Time, as they ſhall apply, of the Boundaries and Extent of each Ward, that the Liberties of this City may be the more exactly ſet out and aſcertained, in the ſaid intended Plan.

MAN.

May 17, 1740.

HAVING ſeen what is already done of the new *Survey of London*, undertaken by Mr. *Rocque* and Mr. *Pine*, having been inform'd of their Manner of Proceeding, and having been preſent at the Taking ſome remarkable Meaſures, and at the Verifying of ſeveral of the principal Angles; we are enabled to declare, That we are ſatisfied with the ſame, and that we think we may juſtly recommend it as a Work of great Uſe, likely to be performed with Judgment and Exactneſs, and well deſerving Encouragement.

M. FOLKES.
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